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New Selection Method for Graduation Speaker

by Elizabeth Fallon - English Department.

Have you ever attended graduation and wondered what mysterious process was followed to pick the student speaker to represent the graduating class? In years past, a committee of faculty and staff would receive a list of all students graduating with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Each student on the list was a potential graduation speaker, though most of them had no idea they were being considered for this honor. Members of the selection committee would share their knowledge of each student on the list and talk to other faculty and staff for their input. Then the committee would narrow down the list to five or six names and vote on their choice for student speaker that year. The winner of this vote would be contacted and asked if he/she would indeed be interested in being the student speaker for the graduation coming up in a few short weeks. The offer always came as a great surprise to the student; the whole process was done quietly without any student participation.

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How much are YOU willing to pay?

by James Allen - Columnist.

In late February the Board of Regents will be discussing, and possibly voting on, a tuition increase for Academic Year 99. The President's Council proposal is as follows:

	Current AY98	Policy AY99	Proposed AY99
~~Lower Division~~:			
PWSCC	$ 60	$ 62	$ 60
Kodiak College	$ 61	$ 63	$ 65
All Other UA Campuses	$ 71	$ 73	$ 73
Upper Division	$ 79	$ 81	$ 82
Graduate	$158	$162	$164
Non-resident Surcharge	$150	$154	$154

The MSC Student Government discussed the proposed tuition hike at the January 15th meeting. They discussed starting a school-wide petition to counter the proposal and decided to table the issue until the next meeting, which will be held Thursday, January 29, at 4:00 pm□

Activity Committee's Report of the 1997 Christmas Bash.

by Linda Duarte - Activities Chairperson.

The 1997 Annual Christmas Bash was held on December 19th at the "Golden Nugget Lounge" in Wasilla. The party was really rockin'!!!! There was a lot of food, dancing, spirits, door prizes, and much more. While Santa was making his rounds, students and faculty were getting "Jiggity with It" on the dance floor. Thank you to all those students who filled out survey forms in October. We received some great ideas, and without your input, the bash may not have happened. Although attendance was low this year, due to late ticket sales and bad weather, we had a great crowd who partied all night. "We had people dancing way past midnight, and literally had to push them out the door," states one Student Government member. I would personally like to thank the Student Government Activities Committee for the great job they did on the food, decorations, and organization of the party. Without their time and effort we couldn't have pulled it off. A special thanks to "Expressions" and Angelique Lawton for the use of her kitchen, Louis Sizemore and R&R Productions who did an awesome job with the music, Wayne Connolly and the "Golden Nugget Lounge," and the MSC Bookstore for their contributions□

From the Desk of Joseph Emmons Director of Mat-Su College

I want to welcome everyone to Mat-Su College and our spring 1998 semester. As many of you know, this is a very special semester for us--it marks our fortieth anniversary of providing postsecondary education to the Mat-Su valley. In January 1958, Palmer community College, as the college was then named, offered its first slate of classes to the residents of Palmer and the surrounding valley. However, as early as 1953, people had been talking about establishing a college in Mat-Su.

We have witnessed many changes

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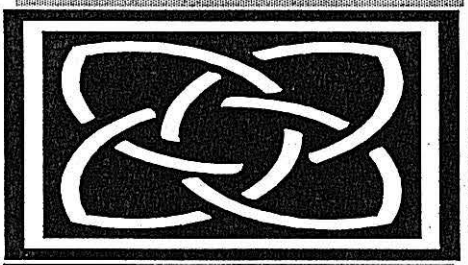
A reminder from Student Services / Admission and Records

The Graduation Application DEADLINE is February 27th.

From The Editor

Welcome back students, faculty, and staff for MSC's Spring 98 semester, and also its 40th Anniversary. Hopefully this semester will prove more productive for the Monitor and for all of us here.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Fred Pedersen, my next door neighbor, for battling and defeating the fire that occurred at my house in Willow last week. Looking at the damage, I could tell it was no easy task. He fought through burning plastic, wood, and insulation, as well as inhaled large amounts of smoke and toxic vapors. He should be commended for his bravery in defending my home--I surely would have let it burn if I was home. Again, thank you Fred!

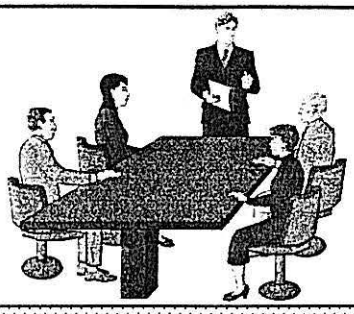


Graduating this May?

The application for graduation deadline is

February 27.

Please see your academic advisor in advance to insure you have all requirements for graduation completed.



Student Government

will be holding their next meeting Thursday, January 29th, at 4:00 pm in room JKB 108. Everyone is invited to attend.

Are you interested in Federal Work-Study?
See *Sandy* or *Marjorie* in the Student Services Office.

Positions Available Include:

Library **Math**
Student Services **Tech Prep**
Admissions and Records

All positions consist of either office support or tutoring. They are semester based, and you must have applied for Federal Student Aid to qualify. If you have not applied, applications are available in Student Services.

Attention Students:
The Spring BBQ is being scheduled for sometime in April (after spring thaw). If you have any ideas or suggestions for this event, please feel free to drop by the MSC St. Govt. office or leave ideas in the suggestion box located in the cafeteria.

LRC Writing Center *Spring 1998 Tutor Schedule*

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*
Fox *10:00-12:30*	Lammot *10:00-3:00*	Fox *10:30-12:30*	Atrops *10:30-2:30*	Bronson *10:00-5:00*
Green/Harrison *12:30-2:30*	Bronson *3:00-6:00*	Green/Harrison *12:30-2:30*	Bronson *3:00-6:00*	
Bronson *2:30-5:30*		Bronson *2:30-5:30*		

LRC Math Center *Spring 1998 Tutor Schedule*

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
Smarsh *9:00-12:00*	Jeanne *10:30-2:30*	Smarsh *9:00-12:00*	Jeanne *10:30-2:30*	Jeanne *10:30-4:00*	Chuck *10:00-1:00*
Jeanne *12:00-3:15*	Smarsh *2:30-6:00*	Jeanne *12:00-2:00*	Smarsh *2:30-6:00*		
Hulbert *3:15-5:15*		Chuck *2:00-6:00*			

Library Hours:

Monday	*Tuesday*	*Wednesday*	*Thursday*	*Friday*	*Saturday*
9:00am-9:00pm	*9:00am-9:00pm*	*9:00am-9:00pm*	*9:00am-9:00pm*	*9:00am-5:00pm*	*9:00am-1:00pm*

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The Monitor welcomes guest columnists and letters to the editor. Submissions will be printed according to space available, and must include name & phone number for verification. These can be dropped off in the Monitor office, placed in the Monitor drop box outside the office, mailed to the MSC Monitor, P.O. Box 2889, Palmer, AK 99645, or email to pskjs@uaa.alaska.edu. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, grammar, spelling and libel.

From front page.

Graduation Speaker.

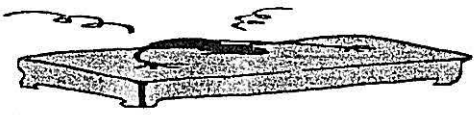
But this year the choice of student speaker will be different. Students who qualify for graduation honors, because of their GPA, will each receive a letter, sometime in March, congratulating them on their academic achievement. They will also be asked if they wish to be considered as graduation speaker. If they are, they will be asked to fill out a form, attached to the letter of congratulations, and submit it to the Student Services office by a specific date. In this way, only students who are genuinely interested in being the student representative will be considered for the honor. Now the committee, which this year will include students as well as faculty and staff members, will publicize the list of interested speakers and solicit comments from everyone of campus. This committee will review all the information on each applicant for speaker, and then the four top candidates will be asked to meet with the committee. Students will be kept informed of the process from start to finish. The committee's final choice will be publicized in early April so each member of the graduating class will know ahead of time who their student representative will be.

Hopefully, this more open method of graduation speaker selection will involve students from start to finish, and this year's graduating class will really feel identified with their student speaker□

From front page.

Joseph Emmons.

in the intervening four decades. The college was made a part of the University of alaska system; expanded its mission to include services to the entire Matanuska-Susitna valley; built the beautiful campus we now enjoy; became merged with UAA; and through it all, continued to provide the best possible education. Of course, we will continue to face many challenges and opportunities in the future. I know the people who make this college what it is--students, faculty, and staff--will face those challenges and opportunities with a dedication to excellence, and a strong vision of the future□



Alaska Native Professor Gets Job Back.

Alaska Community Colleges Federation of Teachers - Thursday, December 11, 1997.

ANCHORAGE---An Alaska Native faculty member who was terminated by the University of Alaska last May at Kuskokwim campus in Bethel was recently reinstated after an arbitrator's ruling.

Bethel resident Nancy Ayagarak had taught developmental English for eight consecutive years at Kuskokwim campus, a branch of the University of Alaska Fairbanks that serves a predominantly Yup'ik Eskimo student population in southwest Alaska. UAF had employed Ayagarak continuously since 1989 before forcing her out of her job last May.

Arbitrator Gordon Byrholdt, whose 26-page decision ruled in favor of Ayagarak on all issues, rejected all the University's arguments for her termination in a strongly worded rebuke of the administration's actions.

The dispute required a two-day arbitration hearing last July. The University hired Anchorage law firm Owens & Turner, whose lawyer contented that the University had acted legally in firing Ayagarak. Owens & Turner cited a 1994-95 Board of Regents policy called "program assessment", as the basis for Professor Ayagarak's firing.

At the hearing, University attorneys attempted to dismiss the case without any hearing at all, claiming the Union's grievance, prepared by Ayagarak in conjunction with colleagues was filed one day to late. The arbitrator rejected that claim along with all other University arguments.

"The University's behavior was shameful," said Dave Dau, a psychology professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage and president of the Alaska Community Colleges' Federation of Teachers, which represents Ayagarak and some 240 fellow faculty members on all of Alaska's rural and urban campuses.

"The University has scant few Native faculty," Dau said. "This termination raises serious questions about the University's commitment to providing rural and Native higher education in the state of Alaska. "With an already poor record of recruiting Native faculty, why fire a qualified Native teacher of developmental English in rural Alaska?"

According to Union officials, the ACCFT had tried to resolve the firing before taking it to costly outside arbitration. In fact, the ACCFT's newly negotiated labor contract had mandated a pre-arbitration meeting on this issue. At that meeting, Jim Johnsen, University Director of Labor Relations, reportedly asserted that the University had "nothing to offer on Ayagarak" because "the University is confident in its position and is willing to take whatever political heat ensues."

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Komisar Resigns University of Alaska Presidency.

News Release http://info.alaska.edu/UA/opa/newsrelease/nr98-1.html - January 7, 1998

Dr. Jerome B. Komisar, who has served as the eleventh president of the University of Alaska for nearly eight years, has told the Board of Regents he intends to step down from his position effective at the end of June this year.

Komisar, 60, who assumed the presidency in August 1990, said his plans for the future were still uncertain, but he is announcing his resignation now so the regents can begin the selection process for a successor.

Citing his term as university president as one of great personal and professional satisfaction, Komisar said, "the decade has moved with unbelievable speed and it often feels as if I arrived in Alaska only yesterday. But eight years, not matter how fruitful and satisfying, is a long time, granted the current fervor of university life and the intensity of work in the public sector."

Komisar took the University's chief leadership position in 1990, just three years after the institution had undergone a major and controversial

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Veterans Corner

VA Facilities - Where to go for help.

VA has toll-free numbers for the convenience of veterans and dependants. To assure that accurate information and courteous responses are given to the public, VA supervisors occasionally monitor telephone calls. Toll-free telephone services include:

- Va Benefits 1-800-827-1000.
- Life Insurance 1-800-669-8477.
- Debt Management Center 1-800-827-0648
- Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) 1-800-829-4833.
- CHAMPVA 1-800-733-8387.
- Headstones and Markers 1-800-697-6947.
- National Mammography Helpline 1-888-492-7844.
- Persian Gulf Hotline 1-800-PGW-VETS.
- Persian Gulf TDD 1-800-829-4833.
- VAONLINE Bulletin Board Service - 'telnet://vaonline.va.gov' or via data line 1-800-US1-VETS up to 28.8KBPS at 8-N-1 modem setting.
- VA World Wide Web Home Page Server - 'http://www.va.gov'

Alaska VA Facilities:

Clinics:

- Anchorage Outpatient Clinic and Regional Office 99508-2989
  2925 DeBarr Rd., 907-257-4700 or 1-800-827-1000.
- Fort Wainwright 99703
  Bassett Army Community Hospital, Rm. 262, 097-363-5122.

Regional Office:

- Anchorage 99508-2989
  2925 DeBarr Rd., 907-257-4700 or 1-800-827-1000.

Benefits Office:

- Juneau 99802
  709 W. 9th st., #263, 907-586-7472.

Vet Centers:

- Anchorage 99508
  4201 Tudor Centre Dr., Suite 115, 907-563-6966.
- Fairbanks 99701
  529 5th Ave., Suite 102, 907-456-4238.
- Kenai 99611
  445 Coral St., 907-283-5205.
- Wasilla 99654
  851 E. Westpoint Ave., Suite 109, 907-373-4318.

National Cemeteries:

- Fort Richardson 99505
  P.O. Box 5-498, Bldg. 997 Davis Highway, 907-384-7075.
- Sitka 99835
  P.O. Box 1065: for information, call Ft. Richardson, AK.

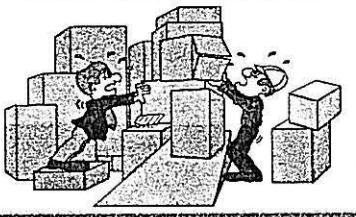
Matanuska-Susitna College VA Student Services:

- 907-745-9762.

Counseling Available

Matanuska-Susitna College, in cooperation with ***Lifequest***, will have counseling available for students on Mondays in Snodgrass Hall on the MSC Campus. References, appointments, and billings will be handled confidentially, directly with the counselor, by calling Renee Georg, M.S. at 352-3218.

The MSC Library will by hiring students to help move books in the near future. A new carpet is being installed upstairs in the library this semester. More information will be available when specific dates are established.



Classifieds

For Sale:

Approximately 2500 Magic: The Gathering cards raging from 4th edition - 5th edition. Most are in excellent condition. Asking $400.00, possible singles at 25% off listed price in the current Duelist. Contact Kurt at 495-7977.

If you are interested in selling, buying or trading personal items, please submit your ads to the Monitor Blue Box located outside the Monitor office. The ad should include Name and phone number for verification.

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Ayagarak Reinstated.

In addition to the University's checkered history on rural and native higher education and its political ramifications, the arbitrator's ruling called the University's program assessment "seriously flawed," including the University's failure to follow its own policies. Also, the arbitrator noted the callous way officials notified, or didn't notify, Ayagarak that she was losing her job.

Ayagarak, a Yup'ik speaker, who holds a master's degree in developmental education from the University of Oregon, was terminated effective last May after the administration in August 1996 had slipped an extra word, "terminal", into her annual letter of appointment without notifying her in any other way.

Ayagarak unwittingly signed her contract, not realizing her fate until Kuskokwim's ACCFT campus representative read her contract and alerted her that she was losing her job.

The arbitrator's decision not only ordered Ayagarak's immediate reinstatement, but the University must

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restructuring that merged the system's 11 community colleges under the three, four-year campuses, and enabled the university to survive a $15 million state general fund budget cut.

"I had four major goals for the University when I came to Alaska," Komisar said. "To promote learning and research; to reduce reliance on state support by increasing university revenues from other sources; to build and modernize the university's infrastructure; and, to make the university more cost effective. Significant progress has been made toward each of those goals."

During Komisar's presidency, the university expanded its federally supported programs, increased its land management efforts, initiated efforts to attract more private funds, and increased student revenues. As a result, the university has reduced its dependence on state revenues from 55% to 45% since 1990.

Komisar said he was proud of the University programs that have been strengthened under his leadership, the talent that has been attracted to the faculty and staff and the facilities that have been constructed and modernized. Longstanding deferred maintenance problems have begun to be addressed, and there has been considerable investment in instructional equipment and information technology. Existing student residence halls have been modernized and new residence halls have been constructed in Juneau and Anchorage.

"Increased federal support has been of major importance over the last decade, to the university and the state, both in providing research funding and in enabling the University to build an internationally recognized academic complex," Komisar said. "The Arctic Region Supercomputing Center in Fairbanks, the Aviation Technology Center in Anchorage and the expansion of the laboratory complex of the Fishery Industry Technology Center in Kodiak are just three examples."

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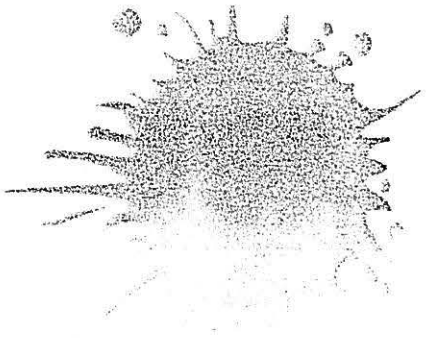
Need Financial aid?

Scholarship Applications are Available in Student Services

The **1998-99 UAA Scholarship** application deadline is March 1, 1998.

Acting Library Director

Gini Geary is now the Acting Director of the Alvin S. Okeson Library until June 30, 1998. Library Director Leza Madsen has taken a position as a legislative aide to Representative Vic Kohring and will be working in Juneau during the entire legislative session. There is an interesting article on legislative aides in the January 8th issue of the Juneau Empire. Leza is mentioned in the article. The article is located in the library if anyone is interested□



Don't ask why this is here!

Remember

It is not to late to apply

for

Federal Financial Aid

or

The Alaska Student Loan.

Applications are available in Student Services

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Ayagarak Reinstated.

give her back pay and benefits with interest "as though she had never been terminated." The University also must cover the Arbitrator's fees of nearly $12,000 although Union officials noted that's just a fraction of the administrative, legal, and other expenses that also will be paid by the public in this dispute alone.

"Why did the University spend from its scant resources to hire expensive external legal counsel rather than resolve the situation when it found that two other English teachers would be leaving Kuskokwim campus?" Dau asked.

Ralph Gabrielli, Executive Dean of the College of Rural Alaska that administers the Bethel campus issued Ayagarak's contract in 1996 with the minor wording change designed to end her University teaching career.

"There was no accompanying letter of explanation of regret, nor did anyone explain the situation to her," the arbitrator noted.

At the hearing, "in a sometimes opaque fashion, Gabrielli explained how he made the determination to terminate Ayagarak," the ruling said. "He gave no indication that he had considered any of Ayagarak's achievements, cultural background, or her value as a role model on the Kuskokwim campus."

Gabrielli also tried to circumvent the work of his own faculty, according to the arbitrator's ruling. "he never really made clear why the U of A faculty committees recommendation not to cut developmental studies came to be ignored," wrote the arbitrator. "What is clear is that he did not seek any input from the faculty at Kuskokwim."

Instead, the arbitrator found, Gabrielli "took the expedient way out and terminated Ayagarak, the most qualified developmental English instructor at Kuskokwim."

"It is of concern that when faced with an administrative challenge, the University consistently turns to 'expedience' rather than sound educational policy," says Dau.

Alaska Community Colleges' Federation of Teachers, promoting professionalism in higher education through collective bargaining, was formed in 1974 and represents approximately 240 faculty members across Alaska from Nome to Ketchikan. ACCFT faculty are primarily responsible for providing the comprehensive community college mission through offerings of academic transfer courses, vocational/technical programs, and community interest courses to the people of alaska at the rural and urban campuses of the University of Alaska□

Who's Who at Mat-Su.

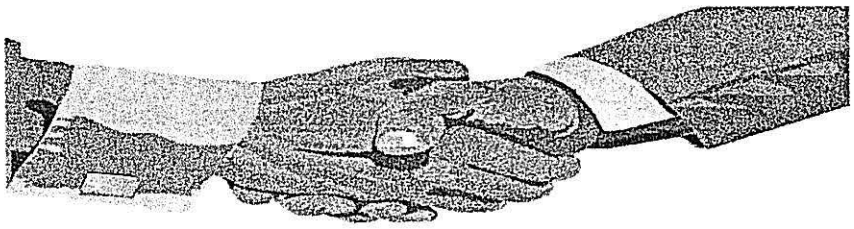
Matanuska-Susitna College News Release - 27 January 1998.

PALMER- Based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for success, 39 students at Matanuska-Susitna College have been nominated and selected as outstanding leaders. This honor places them in the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. This directory, first published in 1966, honors outstanding post secondary students. With this appointment, they join an elite group of students from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Recognized for this distinction are:

Christine Bauman	Suzan Beaty-Slover	Terrence Bradley
Cheryl Bradshaw	Patricia Brandt	Misty Brown
Theresa Buzby	Derrick Coates	Dawn Cruthirds
Eric Dodds	Laura Duntly	Timothy Durham
Jon Marie Fritz	Rebecca Green	Diane Hansen
Julie Henderson	Chris Herbert	Jodie Hettrick
Evangeline (Beth) Hoffman	Carole Jones	Ina Kiger
Michelle Lawson	Mary Meresh	Sonya Maye
Alicia McDonald	Barbara Mook	Joyce Noller
David Perry	Jonnie Protzman	Nancy Thompson
Karolyn VanWingerden	Eleanor White	John Yarbo

Matanuska-Susitna College applauds the efforts of these students and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors□



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Expanding international programs also has been a theme of the 1990s. The American Russian Center at UAA has developed multiple programs with cities in the Russian Far East and the International Arctic Research Center, which is receiving major support from Japan, will promote a compelling international research agenda.

For the past several years, Komisar has led university efforts to reduce its overall administrative costs so funds can be reallocated to academic programs. Komisar said these efforts will continue to be the major priority in the remaining months of his administrations.

"Diminishing state resources has been the great disappointment of the last several years," Komisar said. "You cannot build the University the people of Alaska want and deserve without a greater commitment of state resources."

"The University's strength lies in its exceptionally skilled, learned and energetic faculty, staff and student body," Komisar said. "The challenge of the next decade will be to provide the multiple resources necessary for them to do their best work."

Since coming to Alaska, Komisar has had a number of other state assignments. He is the founding chair for the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation which is constructing a $20 million rocket launch

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Poets Corner

Child

Child, Quiet One;
Unheard One;
Little One:
My thoughts...
(like breezes)
how often they
stray...
to you.
Child, My Child;
To know you're there
nestled
(hiding)
hidden there:
inside
me...
I cannot know how...
Child, Fetus; Unborn One;
I know I love you
love:
you
and yet it is so startling
(a realization)
That you:
ARE.

Child, Baby;
Small One:
They say,
of you,
"he can swim about,
s/he can frown,
in three weeks she can hear:
Your voice."
Child, Quiet One;
You cannot be realer to me
than pants that won't fit,
bras I will never wear again,
dreams of baby hands:
and yet...
that you are here,
inside,
beneath my heart
puzzles (amazes)
humbles
me.
How can I be Mother?
Child, My Child,
I Love: You.

Dancing Feather X.

The First Invocation

I woke one night
just recently past
The moon was high
brilliant and vast
It beckond to me
obediently I rose
For this dive glow
I could not refuse
It lead me astray
from my current path
And saved me from
My distant wrath
Then to me it spoke
Silent but clear
"Call on my light
and do not fear"
So I prayed to the light
with arms up high
I drew down the moon
and began to cry.

James Allen

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facility on Kodiak Island, and he is on the board of directors of the Alaska SeaLife Center. He was appointed to the Rave Commission by Governor Walter J. Hickel and to the executive committee of Marketing Alaska by Governor Tony Knowles. Governor Steve Cowper appointed him as a commissioner of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, a position to which he was reappointed by Governor Knowles.

Prior to accepting the UA presidency, Komisar was executive vice chancellor of the State University of New York System and president of the system's research foundation. During his 24 years with the State University of New York he held a number of administrative and faculty positions including: acting chancellor, provost, acting president of New York State University College at New Paltz and university professor of economics.

A Native of Brooklyn, New York, Komisar majored in economics and holds a bachelor's degree from New York University and a master's and doctorate from Columbia University. He and his wife, Natalie, have four children and three grandchildren□

"Judgement Day"
an Art Exhibit by *Heidi Angle*
Feb. 3rd-Feb.16th
Open Reception Feb. 3rd
at 6:30 pm - FSM 109

Darkness

Alone in the black abyss
of cold encircling loneliness
Fighting the dull current of fear
feel myself, lonely, drawing near
Chaotic madness, a midnight realm
What will I see but a
sad empty room without any
light
Devoid of laughter or courage or strength
Pushing ember walls, charcoal floor
out, out, out...
Tears of frustration mutilate fair
visage
Marring pale cheek and grave eye
A wall crumbles to dust
and a minute glow transcends from
heaven
Slight illumination awakens self
Heart beats
Spirit speaks...
Arise.

Ann Wright

Arts and Entertainment

UAA Campus Show Dates

2-D Invitational
Feb. 5-Feb. 19
Deadline - Feb. 2 10am-6pm

3-D Invitational
Feb. 26-Mar. 19
Deadline - Feb. 23 10am-6pm

Student Juried Exhibition
Apr. 16-Apr. 30
Deadline - Apr. 13 10am-6pm

Elbow Grease
Mar. 26-Apr. 9
Deadline - Mar. 23 10am -6pm

For more information contact the Campus Center Gallery at 786-1219.

3rd Annual Alaska Juried EGGS-ibition

1998 Theme:

Get A Grip: Put A Handle On It

Entries must relate to this theme somehow.

Mat-Su College

March 30-April 10,1998
Entries Due March 23

Opening Reception March 30, 5:00-8:00pm
Mat-Su College, Room 109, FSM

Juror:
Hugh McPeck: *Assistant Professor of Art, UAA*

Alloy 1998
ALASKA SUMMER FESTIVAL OF FINE ARTS
to be held at
Matanuska-Susitna College,
in late June, 1998

Alloy Alaska 1998 is the name for the Alaska Summer Festival of Fine Arts at Matanuska-Susitna College. The primary function of Alloy is to offer participants an opportunity to explore a unique interaction between traditional disciplines in the plastic arts.

Alloy will feature 3 day workshops in fiber, metalworking, photography, and printmaking together with seminars in Alaska Native arts and one other ethnic area, plus selected short workshops in traditional subjects such as drawing and painting.

One of the major goals of the Arts Festival is to encourage students to experiment and work with the nationally popular concept of mixed media. An active open door policy between classes will synthesize these areas and disciplines into a new composite art form, i.e., an Alloy.

Other goals are to provide students from Alaska an opportunity to work intensively with instructors and lecturers not normally available to them and to provide college credit for the workshops. Please call the Art Department of Mat-Su College at (907) 745-9742 or write to the Art Dept. of Mat-Su College, P.O. Box 2889, Palmer, Alaska, 99645, for more information or to be put on a mailing list□

37th ANNUAL WILLOW STATE WINTER CARNIVAL

January 30th & 31st - February 1st ,7th & 8th, 1998
@Willow Community Center Mile 69.8 Parks Highway

GOLD RUSH CELEBRATION

Carnival Program

Daily Events Include: PTA Pancake Breakfast, Carnival Kitchen, Trade Fair,Arts & Craft Show. Kids Games

Friday, January 30th
6:30pm Carnival Kickoff Dinner
8:00pm Musher's Drawing
King and Queen Coronation

Saturday, January 31st
"Theme day" ~ Costume Judging
noon Ping Pong Tournament (Old Bldg.)
3 mile X Country Ski Race
PTA Scavenger Hunt ~ Teams of 4 $25.00 entry fee - registration at 10:00 a.m. *Tickets available at Willow Elementary School*
1:00pm Open Class Sled Dog Race, Day 1
2:00pm Crazy Hat Contest
2:30pm Beautiful Baby Contest
3:00pm Aurora Borealis Dancers
7:00pm Talent or Not Show
Community Awards Presented at Intermission
Admission $2 Adults or $1 Kids

Sunday, February 1st
10-11:30am Dog Weight Pull Weigh-In
Noon Dog Weight Pull
1:00pm Open Class Sled Dog Race, Day 2
1:30pm Cribbage Tournament
2:00pm Coed Team Cross Cut Saw Contest
2:30pm Ladie's & Men's Cross Cut Saw Contest
3:00pm Ladie's & Men's Swede Saw Contest
3:00pm Open Class Sled Dog Race Awards

Saturday,February 7th
10:30am Snowmachine Poker Run ~ Sheep Creek to Willow CC to Sheep Creek @4:00 p.m.
11:00am Ski Joring Race, Open 1-3 dog, 25 mile
11:00am Ski Joring Race, 2 dog, 14 mile
11:30am Ski Joring Race, 1 dog, 8mile
1:00pm Snow Shoe Races
1:00pm Men's & Women's Arm Wrestling
1:30pm Men's Chain Saw Contest
1:30pm Fun Ski Race
1:30pm Liar's Contest
2:00pm 5 Hole Golf Tournament
2:00pm Beard Contest
3:00pm Stampede Race
7:00pm Slim's Bingo Night $1,000 Payout

Sunday, February 8th
10:00am Kids Sled dog Races (1,2 &3 Dogs)
10:30am Sven Erickson Ski Race, 17km "Predict You Own Time" Division
1:00pm Snow - Cross
1:00pm Ice Bowling
1:30pm Paul Bunyan - Wood chopping/ axe throwing
1:30pm Yatzhee Tournament
2:30pm Tug of War ~ Willow vs. the World
3:00pm Pie Auction
4:00pm Raffle Drawing

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